

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The July 15, 2005 Office Action set forth a requirement for restriction and an election of invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Office Action stated that the application discloses two distinct inventions, namely Claims 1 - 17, drawn to a process classified in class 156, subclass 89.11 (Invention I) and Claims 18 - 21 drawn to a product classified in class 428, subclass 210 (Invention II).

As previously stated, Applicants hereby elect and request examination on the merits of Claims 1 - 17 (Invention I). Applicants hereby cancel from the application the Claims 18 - 21 (Invention II) and reserve the distinct invention disclosed in those claims for subsequent divisional applications.

If there are any matters which can be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, the Office is authorized to charge same to Deposit Account No. 50-0354.

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